

POSTOFFICES HELD BY GOOD SERVICE

Department Announces That Merit Rule Will Apply In All Cases.

WILL NOT REMOVE MAN FOR POLITICS

Members of Congress Find One Field of Patronage Largely Curtailed.

That the Postoffice Department is disposed more strictly to enforce the merit system in the postal service is the information that is being conveyed to members of Congress. The rule that if a postmaster who has served for a term or more wants a reappointment he will be given it, providing his service has been satisfactory to the department, is being rigidly enforced, according to Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The effect of this is to take the post-offices more and more out of the reach of the politicians and strip Senators and members of the House more and more of their prerogatives in regard to patronage.

An order of this kind has been in force for about five years. But it has not been lived up to in a great many cases. An influential Senator or Representative was able to have a friend put in as postmaster if he set about it. It appears, however, that now the lines are being drawn tighter.

Experience of Iowa Senators.

An illustration of this was given recently when Senators Dooliver and Cummins took up with the Postmaster General the matter of appointments to postoffices in the Eighth Iowa district. This is the district which was formerly represented by Col. W. P. Hepburn, but is now represented by a Democrat, Representative Jamieson. The patronage is being disposed of by the Senators.

A lot of postmasterships will soon expire in that district and the Senators want to see Mr. Hitchcock to ascertain whether if they make recommendations they would be given weight. They were informed that the department was going to live up to the merit rule and that there was to be a change, then the recommendations of the Senators would be given weight.

Rule to Be Rigidly Enforced.

The same rule, the Postoffice Department insists, is to be applied generally through the country. It is given out by Postmaster General Hitchcock that impartial enforcement of this order will be made and that flesh will not be made of one case and fowl of another.

The Iowa Senators asked for a candid statement on this point and were told by the Postmaster General that it was his purpose to apply this rule generally. Of course, the question might be raised whether the Iowa Senators, being insurgent, were being given colder comfort than some of the regulars. Senators Dooliver and Cummins were informed, however, that all were being treated alike in the matter.

The experience of the Iowa Senators is being told pretty freely about the capital and is exciting a great deal of interest among the members who have postoffices in their districts which they have been expecting to dispose of about as they considered.

It can be said, despite the prevailing notion to the contrary, that plenty of members would be willing to give up their postoffices if they were relieved of the burden of making postoffice appointments. Some of the older and wiser heads among the politicians say they are a liability, not an asset.

GALLINGER FAVORS LOAN SHARK BILL

Chairman of Senate District Committee Thinks Measure Will Pass.

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate District Committee, has expressed himself as thoroughly in sympathy with the movement to regulate the money loaning business in the District of Columbia. He said he thought the bill which had been prepared by Commissioner West imposed proper limitations on the business.

The chairman of the Senate District Committee is in possession of letters which some of the loan sharks have written to teachers in the public schools. He will lay these before the Senate District Committee at the proper time.

"Two or three of the teachers have written me about this matter," said Senator Gallinger, "and have sent me copies of letters sent out by loan companies about the time they were planning their vacations. These letters are of a very seductive nature. I have no doubt they have been sent to the teachers of the schools here generally in the hope of inducing some of them to borrow money for vacation purposes at high rates."

Senator Gallinger has long been utterly opposed to the methods by which the money lenders in Washington pursue their business. He has expressed his opinions repeatedly to the Senate District Committee and has spoken out in the open Senate. He is in possession of a great deal of evidence from people living here who have been compelled to pay exorbitant rates.

Some of this evidence shows that persons are sometimes compelled to pay double for money they borrow and keep for several months. Senator Gallinger does not hesitate to pronounce such business robbery.

That the Senate District Committee this session will give the matter due attention is the opinion of Senator Gallinger. He expects it to be taken up by the committee after the holidays. He does not think it will be necessary to have hearings, as the conditions are well understood.

BLOW AT STRIKES.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 18.—Business has been so demoralized by the coal strike that the legislature has taken the drastic step of passing a bill making both strike leaders and employers who instigate or aid a strike or lockout liable to a year's imprisonment.

COMMITTEE SELECTS BILL ON TRAFFIC

Agrees Upon Most Drastic Measure to End White Slavery.

MEN AND WOMEN COME UNDER CLAUSE

Constitutionality Features of Proposed Legislation Is Given Special Attention.

Legislation of the most drastic nature to suppress the "white slave" traffic is that proposed in a bill which has been reported by the House Committee on Immigration.

The resolution, which the members of this committee hope will supersede the Mann bill, now before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, is a substitute for the Bennett bill and the Sabath bill, introduced early in the session, and, according to Representative Bennett, has the undivided support of the Immigration Committee, the Bureau of Immigration, and the Joint Immigration Commission.

Special attention has been paid, said Mr. Bennett, to the constitutionality features of the proposed law and the members of the Immigration Committee are unanimous in the opinion that it conflicts in no way with decisions of the Supreme Court on the subject of the suppression of the white slave traffic.

Mr. Bennett today explained the cardinal features of the bill as reported out of the Immigration Committee. He said:

"This substitute bill provides for the following new legislation regulating immigration:

"It makes deportable any alien who is connected in any way with an establishment conducted for immoral purposes. Only naturalized aliens are exempt from the deportation clause.

Guilty of Felony.

"Any person who buys a ticket to transport from one State to another either an alien or a native born man or woman, for improper purposes, will be guilty of a felony.

"Any alien convicted of offenses under the act may be deported at the expiration of his sentence. Any alien who once has been deported from this country is guilty of a misdemeanor in event subsequent action is made to enter the United States.

"Any alien who shares in any way in the earnings of a house conducted for immoral purposes is deportable. Any one else who shares in such earnings, be it in the shape of rents, is subject to prosecution.

"Furthermore, an alien employed in music or dance halls or other places habitually frequented for immoral purposes, or who fosters and shields from arrest and prosecution the inmates of such places, is subject to deportation.

"It adds to the excluded class persons who are supported by or who receive, either wholly or in part, the proceeds from the immoral traffic.

"Originally, women and girls only were listed as being among the excluded class. The bill as reported applies to men imported for immoral purposes as well.

Clause Modified.

"The clause relating to the maintaining or harboring an alien for immoral purposes is modified by the phrase: 'any person assisting in the illegal importation,' so as to relate the offense of harboring to the offense of importation. This is to meet the decision of the Supreme Court in the Keller case, the court holding that you cannot punish one whose sole offense in the harboring of another for immoral purposes, an offense being construed as coming under the jurisdiction of the States."

Mr. Bennett said the bill as reported by the Committee on Immigration had the support both of the Republican and Democratic members of the committee and that the question of sovereignty of States' rights could not be raised, as was brought up by some of the Democratic members of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee with regard to the Mann bill.

Mr. Bennett and his colleagues on the Committee on Immigration will endeavor to obtain the consideration of its measure in advance of the Mann bill, thus obtaining the credit for a piece of legislation that each committee is anxious to possess.

MERRY CHRISTMAS PLANNED FOR POOR

More than 600 children and their mothers living in the eight alleys of the northwest section where the Shiloh Baptist Church has been carrying on religious and social betterment work will be made happy this Christmas.

Arrangements are being made for a Christmas tree and an entertainment at the church on L street for Wednesday evening.

VETERANS GET RELICS.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 18.—L. Lazarus, a well-known resident of this city, who is spending the winter in Philadelphia, with his family, has presented to the Garland-Rodes Camp, Confederate Veterans, of this city, four rifles. Three of the rifles, according to records with them, were used by General Hunter's men in their raid on Lynchburg in the winter of 1862, and the fourth is the kind used by the British army in its campaign against the Boers in South Africa.

RAILROAD NEGRO.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—Clifton Breckenridge, a young negro, was electrocuted in the State penitentiary yesterday morning for an assault several years ago on six-year-old Dorothy Powell, the granddaughter of the jailer in Staunton.

FAMILIES NARROW ESCAPE.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—Returning to his home unexpectedly, E. W. Toney, chief engineer of the river dredge, found his entire family in a critical condition as the result of sewer gas. The prompt arrival of physicians saved the family, including a wife and five children.

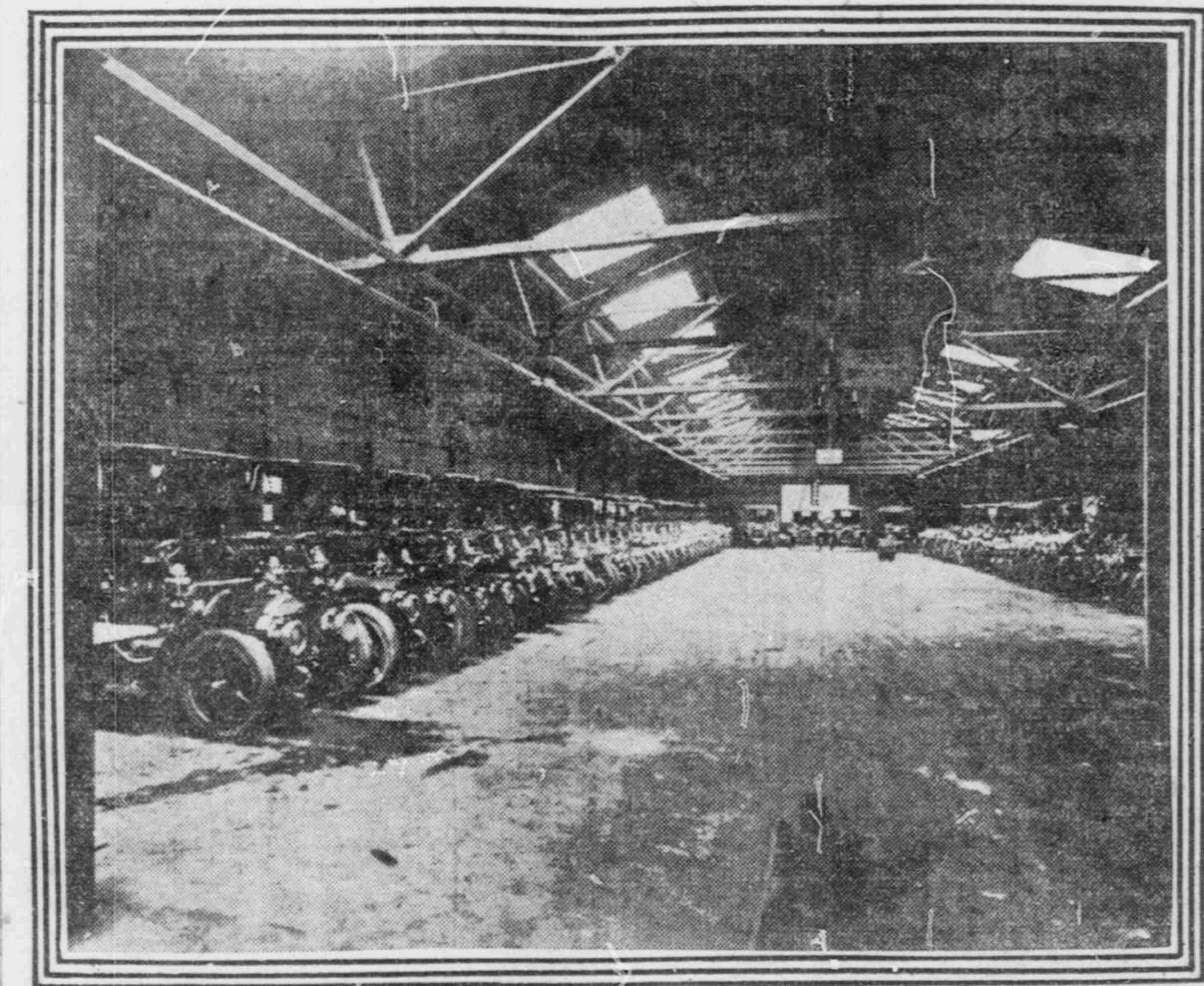
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INTERIOR OF FEDERAL TAXICAB GARAGE



MANAGER EXPLAINS RATE FOR TAXICABS

Declares Company Is Determined to Protect All Its Patrons.

A campaign against overcharging on the part of taxicab drivers has been started by Arthur L. Cline, president of the Auto Livery Company and the Federal Taxicab Company.

Not one citizen in a hundred pays any attention to the taximeter, Mr. Cline declares, and few of those who do read the meters know whether they are being charged double or at the rate they should be.

"The public should understand the taximeter," Mr. Cline said today. "While, of course, we get all the money the drivers receive, as shown in the record on the back of the meter, yet it is not to our interest to run up double bills on our patrons for the simple reason that just so long as this continues the public will continue to believe the automobile is most expensive, when as a matter of fact it is one of the cheapest. There are three points about a taximeter that our patrons should understand, all of them indicated by the little red flag on the side. When the flag is upright the vehicle is for hire; when it points down toward the seat, at an angle of about 45 degrees, it is registering the cost at the single fare rate, the rate for one or two persons; when it points toward the motorist, at about the same angle, the double rate fare or for more than two people is being registered. Now many drivers, and I should explain that they all work on a commission, leave the flag where it might happen to be, when they stop for repairs and the passengers must pay under such circumstances. If the patron would watch the flag and see that when this stoppage is made that it is pushed up to the non-recording position which is pointing upward and to the front, the charge would not be registered against them as it should not."

Mr. Cline is earnest in his effort to increase public knowledge regarding the meter, because, he states, it means better business. The Auto Livery Company and the Federal Taxicab Company, which were consolidated in one concern some months ago, has the largest equipment of any motor vehicle concern in the city. It does nothing but a livery and taxicab business and employs sixty cars.

The immense garage at 24 Thirteenth street is one of the busiest places in the city, as Mr. Cline attests to the repairing and refitting of his own cars. In addition to the big car shed, large enough to hold two hundred cars, there is a big machine shop and fitting room.

The taxicab business in Washington is increasing in leaps and bounds, if the books of the Cline concern are any criterion. In the first seven months of 1909 the receipts were almost double that of the entire year of 1908 and most of the same condition is shown when 1908 is compared with 1907. The Federal company will shortly be compelled to add to its present large equipment to supply the demands of the big hotel and club stands, for which it has the exclusive contract.

CHINAMAN CO-RESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—San Chann, the saffron-hued cashier in a Chinese curio shop, broke up the family of a white man.

Frank B. Paulsen, cashier in the auditor's office of the Life Insurance Company, has obtained a divorce from his wife Sarah, Sun Chann being named as co-respondent.

PURCHASES APARTMENT.

The two-story apartment house located at H T street northeast, has been purchased by Mrs. De Witt C. Chadwick, for \$6,000. The sale was made through the office of John W. Childress.

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INSURGENTS PLAN TO BEAT THE DRUM

Series of Vigorous Speeches Arranged to Continue Agitation.

The Democrats in the House, and their Republican allies, have been informally conferring about the adoption of a program, at the head of which will be printed the motto: "Keep something going on all the time."

It looks to having a live, animated, red-hot speech on some live topic sprung on every day of general debate.

Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska, with his speech demanding an investigation of the Interior Department, set the pace, and there is now an effort to enlist the orators and make sure that no day's sun will set without somebody having aired some really vigorous views about some aspect of the administration of national affairs.

One topic, which has been named as likely to be the subject of a resolution and a speech or two, is the failure of the Government to conduct prosecutions and recover moneys lost by defalcations of Government officials. It is charged that several millions of dollars representing claims against defaulters and on Alaska and the General Land Office of the Treasury Department as "assets, but unavailable."

Some inquiry about the extent of these alleged assets, and the reasons why they are not urged in court with a view to turning them into the available column, is now in progress, and a resolution of inquiry will be introduced in the early days after the re-opening of Congress, calling on the Treasury for information of a number of especially flagrant cases are said to have been discovered of failure to pursue defaulters and their sureties.

Then there is the Sugar trust investigation, which will be urged on every possible occasion. The Hitchcock speech established in the Interior Department, to ascertain whether any of its employees are giving information to the critics of the Administration. It is believed by the responsible chiefs there that leaks exist, and they are determined to close them if possible.

INDEPENDENTS ABSORBED.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Six independent telephone companies in Ohio and Indiana today came under the control of J. P. Morgan & Co., according to an official announcement by Clarence Brown, general counsel. It is also stated that the Bell telephone interests have nothing to do with the deal.

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CONTEST ON HAND FOR SENATOR HALE

Insurgents in Pine Tree State Said to Oppose His Re-election.

Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, Republican floor leader in the Senate, and the oldest member of that body in point of service, has been obliged to drop his affairs of State in Washington and hurry back to the Pine Tree State to look after his political fences.

The Senator's fences, it is said, are getting shaky and whole herds of Maine insurgents are showing a disposition to break through them, much to the disturbance of Senator Hale and his supporters.

The trouble has become extremely acute since Senator Hale arose in his place and asked for the printing of Speaker Cannon's Kansas City speech, which he has commended as the greatest exposition of Republican doctrine in a decade, also it has been made much worse by the Senator's pronouncements against the use of the tariff board for the purpose of studying the cost of production, as proposed by President Taft.

These things have caused no end of an upheaval in Maine, according to reports that have reached here through leading Maine citizens. At any rate, about a week ago, Senator Hale suddenly packed his trunk and set out for Maine, and will be there about a month.

Good reason exists to believe the news reached the White House early, and that it did not cause there the amount of anguish that the news of most any serious calamity would. It is said to be quite possible that Mr. Hale will come back to Washington bent on giving full support to the Administration this winter.

One feature of the case which is likely to be the subject of a resolution and some speechmaking, is the charge that a system of something very much like espionage of employees is being established in the Interior Department, to ascertain whether any of its employees are giving information to the critics of the Administration. It is believed by the responsible chiefs there that leaks exist, and they are determined to close them if possible.

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FORAKER MAY ENTER RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Former Senator Will Likely Seek Vindication in Ohio.

REPUBLICANS SEE BUT SMALL CHANCE

Democrats, With Harmon as Standard-Bearer, Are Well Organized and Confident.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

Former Senator Joseph B. Foraker has been for some time considering the advisability of offering himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Ohio in the 1910 campaign.

Senator Foraker would like a vindication at the hands of his long-time constituency in Ohio, and the most complete one he could obtain would be a nomination at the primary next May, followed by election in November.

If Senator Foraker concludes to try his fortunes, there may be presented a new and marvelous Taft-Foraker complication; for Charles P. Taft is regarded as strongly aspiring to the Senatorship to succeed Senator Dick, and the impression among Ohio people is that Mr. Taft is planning to run as a real progressive, an advocate of the moderate insurgent program, and a reformer.

The Ohio contest is framing up in a fashion which causes the Republicans frankly to admit that it looks bad for them. The Democrats will name Governor Harmon again and will be united and confident. The Republicans have a marvellously long list of possibilities, an ample supply of aspirants; perhaps two or three available, and most of them declare that in the whole lot there isn't a man who promises to beat Harmon.

The people talked about for governor now include Senator Foraker, Representative Taylor of Columbus, Federal Judge Taylor, of Youngstown, Representative Longworth, former Governor Herlick, Harry M. Daugherty, of Cleveland; Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor, J. Warren Kiefer, former Lieut. Gov. Warren, Secretary of State, State Carmi Thompson, A. L. Garford, of Elyria; former Secretary James R. Garfield.

The primary will be held May 17. All parties are to nominate at one election. State, county, and city offices, delegates to conventions, political committeemen—all are to be named at the one primary. In addition to that, the voters are to express their preferences, in each party, for Senator.

The Republicans who are regarded as serious possibilities for Senator are Senator Dick, Charles P. Taft, Harry M. Daugherty, and Governor Herlick. The Dick forces think that in such a field there will be little difficulty getting a plurality for the present Senator.

The possibility of Senator Foraker entering the field would add a new national interest to the situation. It has been suspected by some people that Foraker, in such a campaign, would be a disturbing element of such significance as possibly to accentuate the already bad Republican conditions in the State, to the general disadvantage of the Taft interest in both State and national affairs.

KILLED BY GRANDSON.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Coming from her home, in Kentucky, to spend Christmas with the boy's parents, Mrs. Josephine Payne was accidentally shot and killed by her grandson, Harry Endale, Jr., ten years old. Mrs. Payne was the widow of James L. Payne.

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